

DEFEAT RUSSIANS IN TWO HEAVY ATTACKS

Japanese Turn Assault Upon Ping Tai Tse Into a Rout.

Tokio: The Russians are reported to be busy constructing temporary defensive works upon the left bank of the Hun river at sixteen points, extending along the river for over five miles. On some of them guns have already been erected. They are also constructing forts at Tung Tao, Tashih Kwang and Tuta Jan Tun. All these points are east of Mukden.

Press dispatches from Liao Yang report frequent skirmishes with the Russian cavalry, supported by artillery and infantry, along the line of the Shihli river to Shuang Tai Tse. On Friday evening the Russians bombarded the railway station at Yen Tai. On Saturday at noon four battalions of infantry, four squadrons of cavalry and eight guns attacked the Japanese positions at Ping Tai Tse. Afterward they were re-enforced by a battalion of infantry and some cavalry and six guns from Mukden. The engagement lasted until 3 o'clock, and ended in the repulse of the Russians, who retired in close order. The Japanese poured a heavy fire into the retreating column, and in half an hour the Russian broke and fled in two directions, toward Hai Lang Sai and Mount Kung Tai Jen.

It is reported that on Sunday six battalions of infantry, constituting the left wing of the Russian front on the Mukden road, made a counter attack upon the Japanese forces east of Mount Yum Tai. After a hot fight they were driven back with considerable loss. The Japanese had no casualties.

The Asahi reports that the Russians, re-enforced by 50,000 fresh troops, were moving south from Mukden along the railway last Saturday.

ROBBERS ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

Diamond Special Derailed at Barclay's Siding, Ill., by Criminals.

Springfield, Ill.: As a result of what the Illinois Central officials believe to have been the work of train robbers, the Diamond Special on that road was derailed at the Barclay siding Wednesday morning. Fireman George Conannon was killed and Engineer George Hays was badly injured.

As the tracks at this point are nearly straight for several miles, had the switchlight been in place, the engineer says he would have been able to bring his train under control. After the derailment the lock of the switch was discovered, badly battered by some instrument. The switch had been thrown, and the switch light was found in the grass several feet away from the stand.

The passengers of the Pullman cars were badly shaken up, but suffered no injury, the coaches remaining upright after leaving the rails. Fireman Conannon met his death by jumping from the engine when the switch was passed. Hays, the engineer, jumped at the same time, landing in a heap of coal and dirt. He suffered a compound fracture of the left leg. Both men were brought to this city on the special train run out to Barclay. Later they were taken to the Springfield Hospital, Conannon dying within ten minutes after being placed in the operating room.

The watchman at the shift says he saw some one at the switch shortly before the wreck, and a man was observed running from the scene. Officers are working on the case.

TRUEBLOOD CASE CALLED

Continued Because of Absence of Chief Witness, R. P. Stone.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The case of State against Lee Trueblood, who is charged with having paid a bribe of \$500 to Prosecuting Attorney R. P. Stone of this county, was called for trial here Tuesday by Judge Davidson of Linn, Mo. A motion to quash the indictment was filed by the defense and was overruled. The defendant then refused to make any plea and the judge ordered a plea of not guilty to be entered.

The defendant then asked for a continuance on the ground that the chief witness for the defense, Prosecuting Attorney Stone, was not in the county, although he had been served with a subpoena. The case was continued to September 22.

Harriman Calls for C. & A. Proxies.

Chicago: The Harriman interests in the Chicago and Alton have issued a call for proxies to be used at the annual meeting to be held in this city October 4. The blank proxies are made out in the names of E. H. Harriman, Mortimer L. Schiff and S. M. Felton. No doubt is entertained in railroad circles here that when the smoke of the battle has cleared away the Harriman people will still be found in control of the Alton.

Lightning Strikes Illinois Church.

Eldorado, Ill.: As the people were gathered at the M. E. church in Equality for Sunday school Sunday the church was struck by lightning. The ceiling was torn off the vestibule, the glass broken out of all the windows, the corner post at the vestibule torn to splinters, the bottom torn out of one chair and thrown 200 feet from the window. About fifty people were in the house. No one was killed, but all were stunned. A shoe was torn off a boy, blistering the bottom of his foot.

BECK IS RELEASED AFTER CORONER'S VERDICT

Police Have Not Found Men Who Killed Fred Scheel.

St. Louis: On a finding that Frederick E. Scheel was shot and killed by an unknown person, the coroner's jury, at the conclusion of the inquest Wednesday morning, exonerated Oliver J. Beck, a Republican judge at the 8th precinct, 4th ward, registration booth. Beck was accused by the police of firing the shot that killed Scheel, an innocent spectator of the fight Monday afternoon at Fourteenth and Locust streets.

After the verdict, Beck was released by Chief Klei, on instructions from W. Scott Hancock, assistant circuit attorney. Mr. Hancock wrote a note to the chief, stating that the evidence having failed to implicate Beck, he should be released, adding that Beck should be found, if needed, when the grand jury commences an investigation of the case, and all others resulting from illegal registration, next Tuesday. The assistant circuit attorney directed that Beck be furnished a police escort to protect him in resuming his duties at the booth. Before releasing Beck, the police asked Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dalton if he desired to take some action in the matter. Mr. Dalton declined to issue a warrant.

Beck was the principal witness before the jury Wednesday. On the stand he told a straight and consistent story of the affair from its start, describing the events which led up to the shooting.

The most dramatic point of the inquest came when Beck, at the conclusion of his story identified Detective Fred D. Cosgrove as one of the men in the booth with the gang that pursued him.

F. H. Nottles, Republican judge, and Otto Pries, Republican clerk, were called and said that they saw Cosgrove in the booth afterward, but had not seen him there before the shooting. The general opinion is that Beck is mistaken in his identification of Cosgrove.

ORDER TO PROTECT INDIANS

Money for Lands to Be Paid in Monthly Installments.

Washington: One of the most drastic orders ever issued by the Government for the protection of the several Indian tribes against fraud and robbery was promulgated Tuesday by Acting Secretary of the Interior Ryan.

The order amends the rules for the sale of Indian lands so as to require that the proceeds to be derived from their sale shall be placed with the most convenient United States depository to the credit of each heir, in proper proportion, subject to the check of such heirs or their recognized guardians, for amounts not exceeding \$50 to each in any one month. Before being paid, however, it will be necessary for these checks to be approved by the agent or other officer in charge. For sums in excess of \$50 per month the money will be paid upon the approval of the agent only when specifically authorized so to do by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Acting Secretary Ryan said that heretofore the lands have been sold to the highest bidder, and the proceeds paid directly to the Indians, with the result that in many instances the Indians soon were divested of their money.

CHILD COMMITS SUICIDE WHEN LEFT ALONE

Ten-Year-Old Tim Barrick Deliberately Shoots Himself.

Robinson, Ill.: Tim Barrick, the 10-year-old son of Rush Barrick, who lives ten miles south of this place, Thursday deliberately committed suicide because his mother refused to take him with her to pick grapes in a nearby pasture.

When Mrs. Barrick and her older son, who accompanied her, returned from their expedition they found the child's body lying on the front door step. By its side lay a shotgun, with a string tied to its trigger. The other end of the string was tied around the boy's foot.

The boy's head was frightfully torn, and it was evident that he had placed the end of the gun barrel in his mouth before pulling the trigger.

The child had a high, quick temper. Although he pleaded to accompany his mother, he made no threats at her refusing his request. Mrs. Barrick was absent from the house about two hours, and from the condition of the child's body it is supposed that he died soon after she departed.

Judge Cyrus G. Kean.

Ardmore, L. T.: United States Commissioner Roosevelt was notified Thursday of the death of Judge Cyrus G. Kean, Wednesday night at Wynne, Mo. He was chairman of the Republican territorial executive committee.

Dies on Daughter's Grave.

Moberly, Mo.: Orla A. Armstrong, 71 years old, was found Monday on the grave of his favorite daughter, Mrs. Mary Lawler, in St. Mary's Cemetery. He leaves a wife and seven children. He was born in Sweden.

Russia Snubs King Peter.

Belgrade, Serbia: All the powers have instructed their ministers here to attend the coronation of King Peter except Russia, whose action has caused a sensation. King Peter will be crowned on Wednesday next.

FINAL ASSAULT ON PORT ARTHUR; MESSAGE SENT TO THE CZAR

Paris: The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows: "Telegrams, of which the general staff have as yet no knowledge reached the czar at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur. The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, which is more furious than its predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously and employing their whole forces, being determined to finish the business. Russian mines blew up whole battalions."

"Gen. Fock especially distinguished himself, directing the fire from the wall, which the Japanese reached after indescribable massacre. The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons are aiding in the struggle, which it is feared, will be final. The besieging forces are fighting as in a furnace. A perfect storm of shells is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roadstead."

"In St. Petersburg the facts concerning the tragic event, which will perhaps terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, are wholly unknown."

Russians Dodge Mukden Battle.

St. Petersburg: Absence of detailed reports from the seat of war, despite

HARMONY COAL MINE ORDERED CLOSED

Work Suspended at Ogles Plant Because of Continued Fire.

Belleville, Ill.: John Dunlap, Illinois State Mine Inspector, visited Belleville Friday and peremptorily ordered the closing of the Harmony mine, at Ogles Station, between the Bluffs and Belleville.

The closing of the mine was ordered because of a fire which has been burning for the last year, and which it has been found impossible to check. A large sum of money was offered by the owners of the mine to anyone who could extinguish the fire, and several efforts have been made, but to no effect.

For the last few months the mine has been worked by the miners working away from that part of the mine which was on fire, while constant efforts were made to smother the blaze. Inspector Dunlap, after an investigation, decided that the danger in working the mine while the fire was not extinguished was too great and ordered it closed.

The mine is the property of the Lutz Coal and Mining Company, of which John Mangle is president. It is on the land of A. B. Ogles, the coal privilege of which has been leased from him. There are still twenty-two acres of coal which have not been worked, and the net loss of profit to the owners of the mine and the ground by the closing of the mine is estimated at \$100,000.

Attempt at Assassination Foiled.

St. Petersburg: Chief of Police Neidhardt was the object of an attempted assassination in Odessa on Thursday morning. A young man, whose identity has not yet been established, fired point blank at the official at a distance of about six paces, but the bullet went wild. The assassin was about to fire a second shot when Prince Obolensky rushed forward and tackled the revolver from the man's hand. A desperate struggle then ensued, in the course of which the assassin drew a dagger and slashed Neidhardt in the hand, inflicting a severe wound. The assassin was arrested.

Protest Causes Chinese to Hesitate.

St. Petersburg: The Russian protest against the Anglo-Thibetan treaty as forecasted in dispatches Tuesday, has been presented at Pekin. M. Lassar, the Russian minister, is understood to have called the attention of the Chinese Foreign Board to the fact that China would abandon her suzerainty over Tibet if she ratified the treaty, thus creating a British protectorate. The Foreign Office here has not yet received M. Lassar's report, but the dispatch from Pekin to the Morning Post of London announcing that China is not willing to ratify the treaty, is believed to be the direct outcome of Russia's protest.

Fair Wheat Crop in Northwest.

Ottawa, Ont.: Clifford Sifton, minister of agriculture, Friday cabled to Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner, London, England, that the Manitoba and Northwest wheat crop is a fair one and will aggregate from 45,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels.

Ballooning Falls and Drowns.

Phillipsburg, Kas.: Mrs. George Hendricks fell from a balloon into the Rock Island lake here Friday and was drowned before boats could reach her. The parachute failed to work properly.

Kidnaped at Vincennes Fair.

Vincennes, Ind.: Jim Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, was lost from his mother at the fair grounds Friday. It is supposed he was kidnaped by show followers. The police of neighboring towns have been notified.

Kinloch Co. Increase Capital Stock.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The Kinloch Long-Distance Telephone Company of St. Louis was granted an increase of capital stock Friday by the Secretary of State, from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

the important character of events that are believed to be developing around Mukden, leads to the supposition that Gen. Kuropatkin may, after all, not seriously contest the Japanese advance and that the long expected battle at Mukden may turn out to be merely a rear guard action on a large scale.

Gen. Sakaharoff reports that the Japanese army is moving from Ber Tzia Putze toward Fu Pass, a village six miles northeast of Mukden and river. If the Japanese gain a hold at Fu Pass, Gen. Kuropatkin's position at Mukden will be insecure, as the Japanese will from thence be able to threaten the Russian line of communications. The Russian force south of Mukden is believed to consist of only one army corps.

A dispatch received Saturday from Mukden gives details of the Japanese positions as follows: Gen. Kuropatkin has concentrated one army with Ben Tzia Putze and Bensehu as its radius, and his advance is pushing forward along the road leading to Fu Shan and Fu Pass. The advance forces of two other armies occupy the Yen Tai mines and the villages of Pen Tai and Sanden. The front of these three armies is protected by an outpost screen.

BELIEVES FRANCE HAS DESIGNS ON LIBERIA

Government is Said to Be Trying to Secure Portion of Territory.

London: Sir Harry Johnston, the well-known traveler and former Consul General for the Uganda protectorate, who recently returned here from a visit to Liberia, is quoted in an interview as saying that there is no doubt that France is endeavoring to secure as a result of the boundary dispute, a portion of the territory of the Liberian Republic.

"No justification whatever can be shown for such a procedure," he said, "other than the right of the strongest and the real inability of Liberia to resist by force any French aggression."

"American and British philanthropists who have watched Liberia for years could not view with great bitterness any attempt on the part of the Colonial powers in France to take advantage of Liberia's weakness to strip off portions of her territory."

Eastland Is Discharged.

Indianapolis, Ind.: The trial of C. C. Eastland, for the murder of Luther Herbert and his wife by passing them to be burned at the stake, has been suddenly terminated. After the evidence was all in, Senator McLaughlin made a motion for peremptory instructions to the jury for the discharge of the prisoner on the ground that no evidence tended to prove that Eastland had been in any way a party to the lynching had been introduced. District Attorney Neff asked the court to grant Senator McLaughlin's motion. The judge thereupon discharged Eastland.

Flourney Obtains Divorce.

Paduah, Ky.: D. M. Flourney, one of the most prominent brokers in Paducah, Tuesday obtained a divorce from Laura Flourney, daughter of Evangelist Sam Jones. The couple met here last summer during a big evangelist meeting held by the Reverend Mr. Jones, and they were married a short time afterwards. They lived together but a few weeks.

Charles F. Martin.

Denver, Colo.: Word has reached here that Charles F. Martin, secretary of the National live stock association, while journeying to Cheyenne, Wyo., from this city, was seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs and expired a few moments after being removed from the train at Greeley, Colo.

Leiter's Miners Are Leaving.

Zeigler, Ill.: Thursday fifty miners left here because of unsatisfactory conditions which prevail at the Leiter mines at the present time. About fifteen left Friday. Others will desert, it is said, as soon as they receive enough money with which to purchase transportation home.

Washington Wins Prize Drill.

San Francisco, Cal.: Announcement of the winners of the cash prize drills of cantons attending the sovereign grand lodge, I. O. O. F., was made Friday night. The first prize of \$1,000 was won by the Washington (D. C.) canton.

Holds Up Clerks for \$4,400.

San Francisco, Cal.: Compelling two clerks to go into a room at the point of a revolver, a masked man Friday took a suit case containing \$4,400 and records and papers belonging to the Central grain and stock exchange and then made his escape.

Macedo Succeeds Mercado.

Mexico City, Mex.: Assistant Secretary of the Interior Manuel A. Macedo, having resigned to take his seat in the senate, the president has appointed Miguel S. Macedo to the vacancy.

Lighting Strikes Illinois Barns.

Dixon, Ill.: The barns of Jacob Leivan, John Schenck, Walter Leivan and Harry McDermott were struck by lightning and destroyed by fire Saturday night. A great many farmers lost stock by having it killed by lightning.

JAPANESE ADVANCING WITH GREAT CARE

Russians Believe Tactics Have Been Changed by Oyama.

St. Petersburg: The Japanese advance toward Mukden continues slowly, according to information received by the authorities here Friday.

Both official reports and press dispatches place Marquis Oyama's advance guard thirty miles south of Mukden, while stories printed in the foreign press that a great battle at Mukden has already begun are disproved by actual developments at the scene of operations.

The Japanese probably will have to reckon first with a stubborn defense of the Fushan mines, where the next important fight is expected to take place.

The whole plan of the Japanese advance shows considerable difference from the operations at Liao Yang. At the same time it is possible that the Japanese are again making undisclosed movements, as they have successfully done in the past.

The report has gained some credence here that it is the intention of the Japanese to winter at Mukden, if they can take the town, and then hold on until an accumulation of Russian forces at their front compels them to retire to the Liao Tung Peninsula and Korea, the retreat in this direction drawing General Kuropatkin after them.

Orders have been issued to prepare seven rifle brigades for service in the far East.

A detachment under General Renenkaupf, while reconnoitering on Thursday, lost two officers and nine men killed and had three officers and twenty-three men wounded.

The General Staff has issued a revised list of the Russian casualties at Liao Yang, showing that 1,810 men were killed, that 10,811 were wounded, and that 1,212 were left on the field. Fifty-four regimental officers were killed and 252 were wounded; two generals were killed and three were wounded; five officers were left on the field.

Utmost confidence prevails here that Port Arthur can resist all present and future attacks, the only doubt existing being as to the quantity of ammunition.

DRIVE WHEEL BREAKS ON PRESIDENT'S TRAIN

Tire Cuts Off and Jams Through the Engine Boiler.

Washington: President Roosevelt and party arrived here over the Pennsylvania railroad from Oyster Bay at 6:52 Thursday afternoon.

The President's train was delayed about thirty-six minutes by an accident to the rear drive wheel of the locomotive as it entered the tunnel at Baltimore. The engine was immediately detached and another procured to pull the train to Washington. The accident caused no damage to the train.

Fortunately the train was proceeding at a very slow rate of speed when the accident occurred, or the result might have been much more serious. It was not making more than three miles an hour, when in some unaccountable manner the tire of the rear drive wheel on the left side of the engine broke and curled off. One end of it protruded upward and jammed through the boiler of the engine.

Engineer Weatherly put on the air brakes and the train came to a stop. A request was sent to the yard for another engine. After half an hour's delay another engine was attached to the train and it proceeded to Washington.

The cause of the tire breaking is inexplicable. The engine just before leaving Philadelphia had been thoroughly tested.

Crown Peter King of the Servians.

Belgrade, Serbia: Peter Karageorgevitch was crowned king of Serbia Wednesday. There was no hostile demonstrations and no attempt to carry out the numerous threats against the new king's life. In the solemn ritual of the Greek church and in the elaborate state procession which preceded and followed the coronation the tragedy of Serbia's previous ruler found no echo. King Peter offered the American minister, Mr. Jackson, the Karageorge star, which he presented to all the other ministers, as a souvenir of the coronation. As Mr. Jackson was unable to accept the star, his majesty will present him with his autograph and photograph.

Tom Watson Strikes a Negro.

Houston, Tex.: Hon. Tom Watson of Georgia, who spoke here Friday, arrived unexpectedly Thursday night and the committee failed to meet him at the station. Mr. Watson hired a hack to drive to the hotel and was requested by the driver to admit another passenger. The driver presented a negro woman as his seatmate, whereupon Mr. Watson left the hack and struck the negro driver a blow.

No More Prize Fights in Frisco.

San Francisco: No more prize fights will be held in San Francisco after Gans and Walcott have settled their differences on the 30th. This was determined by the Supervisors Tuesday when they refused to grant any fight permits for next month.

Wilhemina Opens States-General.

The Hague: Queen Wilhemina reopened the States-General Tuesday. The queen announced the forthcoming introduction of bills providing for old-age pensions and higher education.

REGISTRATION FIGHT RESULTS IN A DEATH

Frederick E. Scheel Fatally Shot by a Gang in Pursuit of Oliver J. Beck.

St. Louis: In a row between a gang of men who, it is alleged, attempted to register illegally, and Oliver J. Beck, a Republican judge in the registration booth at 501 North Fourteenth street, about 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, Frederick E. Scheel, a young lawyer of Belleville, was killed in front of the St. Louis law school, 1417 Locust street, by bullets said to have been fired at Beck by members of the gang. Beck was arrested and ordered held by the police for the shooting. The members of the gang, in which there were a dozen or more men, all escaped from the scene while the police were chasing Beck to his home at 1527 Washington avenue.

Beck states that he did not fire a shot from the pistol that he carried in his hand. According to eye-witnesses, at least two men in the crowd who were pursuing him fired several shots each. One unknown man stood in the middle of the street in front of the Crawford Theater and shot three times at Beck. Within a minute afterwards Scheel, who was a bystander, reeled against the fence in front of the law school, mortally wounded by two bullets. Scheel was caught in between the gang at the corner of Fourteenth street and Beck, who was hearing Fifteenth street on Locust, running away from the men when the fusillade began.

The bullets struck Scheel in the right breast and the abdomen. He staggered into the gate of the law school and fell on the steps, calling for help. N. B. Yadon of 4529 Virginia avenue, a student at the school, at once reached out and caught Scheel in his arms. The wounded man died within a few minutes without making any statement, while being taken to the city hospital in an ambulance.

It is said that the gang of men came in the booth to register and were challenged by Beck, who claimed they did not live at the place of residence they gave.

RENDERS A DECISION IN THE BURNES CASE

St. Louis Real Estate in \$5,000,000 Case Is Affected by Judge's Opinion.

St. Joseph, Mo.: Federal Judge Smith B. McPherson rendered a decision Monday afternoon in favor of Mrs. Frances B. Burnes, Miss Marjorie Burnes and Kenneth Burnes as against Lewis C. Burnes, James C. Burnes, Jr., and their sisters, in the famous "Burnes estate" suits.

The value of the property involved is estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000, consisting largely of Kansas City and St. Louis real estate.

Judge McPherson in his opinion deals rather severely with L. C. Burnes, president of the National Bank of St. Joseph and of the Burnes Estate Corporation. The victory won by Mrs. Frances B. Burnes and her daughter of Chicago and Kenneth Burnes is a sweeping one. It is probable that the case will be taken to the United States Court of Appeals.

L. C. Burnes, his brother and sisters sought to have set aside a family settlement made in 1899, when the Burnes estate was incorporated. On this point Judge McPherson said:

"For twelve years the contract of settlement was allowed to stand, and then, when attempting to avoid it, they made a new contract with the widow and daughter of Calvin, which can be designated in no other way than as a gross fraud upon Mrs. Burnes if allowed to stand. The case is a sad one when we reflect that these three families once lived together in such happy union at Ayr Lawn, but now are three families divided, and with enmity and hatred one toward another."

WOULDN'T SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH NEGROES

Missouri Pastor Declines Iowa Call After Investigating Conditions.

Des Moines, Ia.: When the Rev. A. R. Hunt, a Southern preacher, recently of Savannah, Mo., discovered that in Iowa white and negro children attend school together, he promptly resigned his pastorate. He had just been called as pastor of the First Christian Church at Red Oak at a salary of \$2,000 per year, and arrangements were being made for his reception, when the following letter was received by one of the brethren:

"Dear Brother: We cannot allow our children to go to school with negroes, consequently, learning that these conditions prevail there, I must change my decision of a few days ago. Kindly, 'A. R. HUNT'."

Business Block Destroyed.

Bloomington, Ill.: A block of business buildings in the village of Warsaw, Macon county, was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight, Thursday, and citizens were only able to save the town after a hard fight. The loss will range from \$20,000 to \$25,000, with insurance one-half. The stores destroyed include those of D. W. Mayers, J. A. Wolgast, Sox & Williams and M. D. Schroeder. The post office and opera house were also destroyed. The town is without fire protection.